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MUST WE TAKE ST. THOMAS?

Denmark is in the dumps. The snug sum of seven and a half millions of dollars, in gold, which she expected to receive from the United States for her little West India islands is not forthcoming. The treaty providing for this purchase is not even considered, and the prospect of its ratification grows small by degrees and beautifully less with the lapse of time.

The area of St. Thomas is variously estimated at from twenty-four to forty-five square miles. It is not half as large as the city of Philadelphia. A tidal wave which slightly exceeded the usual dimensions would submerge it; it could be swallowed up bodily by a respectable volcanic explosion.

WESTWARD HO! The ordinance that passed Common Council at its last meeting, to sell a piece of ground to the University, will soon come up for final action in Select Council. In the meantime it is for the public to learn the facts of the case, and follow the action of the authorities.

It is hard, perhaps, in the consideration of such a question as this, to lay aside the dreams of a possible future academic grove in the Almshouse fields; but is there no immediate, practical good also to be gained? The ground on Ninth street now occupied by the University, once set free, would soon be improved and lay taxes to the city on at least one or two millions. The University itself is already a source of income to the city in the large number of students attending its Medical School.

matter to impress on Councilmen and on citizens is the necessity of doing something for higher education here. For a hundred years the University has gone on, bringing money, honor, and credit for the city, and doing its work quietly and unobtrusively. Now the city is asked to deal with it on fair terms, giving it the benefit of a reputation that ought to be as dear to the local authorities as it is to the graduates, and doing itself honor and credit, not by a lavish gift, but by generous treatment, just such as a great municipal corporation can and ought always to give to the lesser bodies within its limits.

THE PUBLIC FOUNTAINS.

The Fountain Society have commenced their good work by erecting several plain but substantial structures in the heart of the city, and if any person wishes to obtain some idea of the benefits to be conferred, he has only to station himself for half an hour some warm day at Fifth and Chestnut or Seventh and Walnut, and note how many persons stop and drink. The fountains already erected have been subjected to much adverse criticism, some of which is undoubtedly deserved; but the work which the society has undertaken to perform is so important, that the largest charity should be extended to its aesthetic sins of omission and commission.

A CASE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS. YESTERDAY a rather remarkable case was tried in the Court of Quarter Sessions, in which the rights and responsibilities of women under the common law were illustrated in a particularly forcible manner, and the practical common sense of the average modern jury was very clearly demonstrated.

The jury appears to have hovered some time between law and common sense, and after an hour's consideration of the subject, they came into Court, stating that they stood eleven to one, and asking for further instructions. The result of a second consultation was a verdict of guilty for both parties. The jury are entitled to considerable credit in this matter, but neither the judge nor counsel can be blamed. The law is a relic of feudal barbarism, and when its absurdity is demonstrated as clearly as it was in this instance, the result ought to be a speedy reform.

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